The Barber Papers

EL SALVADOR

INITIATING AUTHORITY:

GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR

Date Range of Correspondence: 10/10/1904 - 12/9/1904

Number of Documents: 16

Art Work: None

Significance: Detailed discussion of cost of making master and working dies. Document signed by Barber as Engraver; Coins were expected to be struck at the San Francisco Mint. The project may well have fallen through for some reason, probably financial.

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10/10/1904	Note from Barber re cost of engraving master dies, hubs, etc., for Salvador Peso.	(1 Page) CF #1
10/17/04	Invoice to Barber for steel bars (for dies).	(1 Page) CF #2
10/20/04	Letter to Barber re order for 400,000 Salvador Pesos, etc., with dies and collars.	(2 Pages) CF #3
10/20/04	Cover envelope to Barber on above matter.	(1 Page) CF #4
11/1/04	Invoice to Barber for steel die sinking letters.	(1 Page) CF #5
11/4/04	Note to Barber from Acting Director Preston re 1904 date on pesos.	(1 Page) CF #6
11/12/04	Telegram to Barber from Preston to proceed with Salvador dies.	(1 Page) CF #7
11/14/04	Letter to Barber from Frank Leach via Preston: must try to ship dies by 11/26.	(1 Page) CF #8
11/15/04	Letter to Barber from Frank Leach via Preston: card proof of Peso accepted with one change.	(1 Page) CF #9
11/15/04	Invoice to Barber for annealed die steel.	(1 Page) CF #10
11/23/04	Letter to Barber from Director Roberts re approval of die by Salvador Government.	(1 Page) CF #11
11/28/04	Letter to Barber from Roberts re Barber's fee ($550) to come from San Francisco.	(1 Page) CF #12
Undated	Note by Barber: will ship all dies ordered for Salvador on 11/30.	(1 Page) CF 13
12/9/04	Settlement of Barber's fee.	(1 Page) CF #14
Undated	Cover envelope to Barber from F.J. Reutlinger steel stamps.	(1 Page) CF #15

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/10/1904	NOTE FROM BARBER RE COST OF ENGRAVING MASTER DIES, AND HUBS, ETC., FOR SALVADOR PESO	(1 PAGE) CF #1
/17/1904	INVOICE TO BARBER FOR STEEL BARS (FOR DIES)	(1 PAGE) CF #2
/20/1904	LETTER TO BARBER RE ORDER FOR 400,000 SALVADOR PESOS, etc., WITH DIES + COLLARS	(2 PAGES) CF #3
/20/1904	COVER ENVELOPE TO BARBER ON ABOVE MATTER	(1 PAGE) CF #4
1/1904	INVOICE TO BARBER FOR STEEL DIE SINKING LETTERS	(1 PAGE) CF #5
4/1904	NOTE TO BARBER FROM ACTING DIRECTOR PRESTON RE 1904 DATE ON PESOS	(1 PAGE) CF #6
12/1904	TELEGRAM " " " " " TO PROCEED W/ SALVADOR DIES	(1 PAGE) CF #7
14/1904	LETTER TO BARBER FROM FRANK LEACH VIA PRESTON: MUST TRY TO SHIP DIES BY 11/26	(1 PAGE) CF #8
15/1904	" " " " " " " CARD PROOF OF PESO ACCEPTED WITH ONE CHANGE	(1 PAGE) CF #9
5/1904	INVOICE TO BARBER FOR ANNEALED DIE STEEL	(1 PAGE) CF #10
23/1904	LETTER TO BARBER FROM DIRECTOR ROBERTS RE APPROVAL OF DIE BY SALVADOR GOVERNMENT	(1 PAGE) CF #11
28/1904	" " " " " " RE BARBER'S FEE ($550) TO COME FROM SAN FRANCISCO	(1 PAGE) CF #12
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~~9/1904~~	~~" " " SETTLEMENT OF HIS FEE~~	(1 PAGE) CF #13
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NDATED	COVER ENVELOPE TO BARBER FROM F. J. REUTLINGER STEEL STAMPS	(1 PAGE) CF #15

(Ed. 9-30-1903—1,000,000.) No. 18. TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Oct 10th 1904

Cost of engraving master dies and hubs for the reproduction of dies for the coining of Peso coin for San Salvador, four hundred dollars.

Number of working dies to coin 400.000 pieces five pacis.

This estimate is based upon the supposition that the coinage is to be made at the Mint at Philadelphia.

Chas. E. Barber
Engraver.

No. 409 COMMERCE STREET

MILLING CUTTERS
ANNEALED BLANKS

F. C. BROOKSBANK & SON

SEEBOHM & DIECKSTAHL'S
HIGH GRADE CRUCIBLE STEEL
FOR ALL PURPOSES

COLD DRAWN STEEL TUBING
COLD ROLLED SHEET STEEL

CAPITAL HIGH SPEED STEEL
AND
HIGH SPEED TWIST DRILLS

ORDER .....
SHIPPED VIA .....
TERMS .....

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Oct. 17 .04

SOLD TO Chas. E. Barber

Quantity	Description	Size	Weight	Total Weight	Price	Amount	Total
24 pcs	Special Annd	1½ rd. × 2⅜	28½				
65 "	"	1⅜ " × 2	54½				
				86	18	15 48	
			Cutting			8 50	
							23 98

RECEIVED PAYMENT,
10/20 1904
F. C. BROOKSBANK & SON,
Per E. J.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON October 20,1904.

Charles E. Barber, Esq.,

Engraver Mint United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir.-

The Republic of San Salvador desires the coinage of four hundred thousand (400,000) one peso pieces. It is found necessary that the dies for this coinage be reproduced, and I enclose herewith sample of the same for your guidance in engraving the master dies and hubs.

The Government of San Salvador has been notified by the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco of the cost of this work, and the Superintendent telegraphs to have five pairs of peso dies and collars for San Salvador coinage forwarded. You will please engrave the dies as early as practicable, as it is desirable that this coinage be executed by the Mint San Francisco during the month of December next. When you have completed the master dies and hubs, the Superintendent will be notified as to the manufacture of the coinage dies and collars.

You should transmit your account for engraving of the dies to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

S.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU OF THE MINT.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
RETURN IF NOT DELIVERED IN FIVE DAYS.

Register 7/6/18

WASHINGTON, D. C.
OCT 20 1904
REGISTERED

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
$300.

23299

23299

Thos. E. Barber, Esq
Care
Salvador

SUPERINTENDENT OF U. S. MINT,

PHILADELPHIA,

PENN'A

Order No. .....

Fred. J. Reutlinger.
John J. Reutlinger.
Fred. Reutlinger.

Terms: .....

ESTABLISHED 1860.

Philadelphia, Nov. 1st 1904

Mr. Chas. E. Barber

TO F. J. REUTLINGER, DR.

STEEL STAMP CUTTERS,

No. 57 N. SEVENTH STREET.

16	Steel Die Sinking letters heavy face Roman @ 1.00			16	00

Rec'd Payment
F. J. Reutlinger

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON Nov.4,1904.

Mr. C. E. Barber,
Engraver,U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia,Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letterof the third instant you are informed that the date of the peso coin of Salvador is to be 1904.

Respectfully,

R. O. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMERCIAL CABLE COMPANY.

16.

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, President.
J. C. STEVENS, Sec'y. WM. H. BAKER, V. P. & G. M.

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, President.
ALBERT BECK, Sec'y. GEO. G. WARD, V. P. & G. M.

RECEIVED NOV 12 1904 OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER

TELEGRAM

1035 A

The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company transmits and delivers this message subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back of this blank.

Number	Sent By	Recd By	Time
6	Tr	Tr	23

Govt Rate

685 North Broad St., Phila.
Received at
Telephone, Poplar 3126.
(WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.)

Dated Washington DC 12 Nov 12 1904

To Supt Mint. P
Phila

Go ahead with salvador dies how soon can you ship them answer by wire.

R. E. Preston Actg Director.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON November 14,1904.

Charles E. Barber Esq.,
Engraver, U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia,Pa.

Sir:

The following telegram dated November 12th was received this morning from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco:

" Director,Mint, Washington, D.C.
Representative San Salvador says vital importance coin be ready for shipment December tenth; be trouble otherwise;to enable me to do my part dies must leave Philadelphia by twenty-sixth if can be done; also wire authority for coinage."
Frank A. Leach, Supt."

It appears to be very desirable from the reading of the telegram that these coins should be ready for shipment to Salvador on the tenth proximo. Please do all you can to ship the dies by the 26th instant and advise me what you can do in this matter that I may notify San Francisco.

Respectfully,

R. O. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON Nov.15,1904.

Charles E. Barber Esq.,
Engraver, U. S.Mint,
Philadelphia,Pa.

Sir:

The following telegram was received this morning from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco relative to San Salvador dies:

"Director, Mint, Washington, D.C. Card proof San Salvador peso submitted to Consul General. Says all right except omission of accute accent mark over E in America obverse side. Order another pair dies and collar. Have two collars for number one press, balance for number two press; have entire die hardened same as for Philippine fifty-centavos. Frank A. Leach, Supt."

Respectfully,

R O Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

ALEX. FOSTER,
JAS. CULLEN.

FAIRMOUNT STEEL WORKS.

Philadelphia, Nov. 15th 1904

Mr. Chas. E. Barber

BOUGHT OF ALEX. FOSTER & CO.

MANUFACTURERS OF

Superior Qualities of Cast Steel, adapted for all kinds of Tools, Machinery, Car and Carriage Springs, &c.
Also, Frog Plates and Points, Sledges, Sledge Blanks, Piston Rods, Valve Stems,
Crank Pins, Slide Bars, Connecting Rods, &c.

CAST STEEL FORGINGS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS MADE TO PATTERN AT SHORT NOTICE.

Order No.

TERMS CASH.

WORKS: S. E. cor. 24th St. & Pennsylvania Avenue,

OFFICE:—2325 SPRING GARDEN STREET.

1 Bar Mint Steel 1 7/8" diam, Annealed 39 lbs @ 19½¢			$ 7 60
Rec'd Payment Alex. Foster & Co. G.H.S.			

Shipped

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON November 23,1904.

Chas. E. Barber, Esq.,

Engraver U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir.-

I return herewith the impression of die for the Government of San Salvador . The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco in returning the die states that the representative of the San Salvador Government is very much pleased with the same and the Superintendent also expresses his approval of the skillful workmanship shown in the engraving of this die.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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enc.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON November 28,1904.

Chas. E. Barber, Esq.,

Engraver U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir.-

Your account for engraving dies and hubs for the peso of San Salvador and six pairs of dies has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco with instructions to collect the amount due $550.00 and remit same to you.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

s.

Sig. Greenebaum, Manager. H. T. P. Green, Sub. Manager. R. Altschul, Cashier.

London, Paris and American Bank, Limited.

Address for telegrams: "Lopabank."

San Francisco, December 9th, 1904.

Charles E. Barber, Esq.,

Engraver, United States Mint,

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Dear Sir:-

In settlement of the enclosed bill you will find herewith our draft on New York for----------$550.00. Be kind enough to return the bill to us receipted, together with a duplicate of same. On behalf of the Salvador Government, we would also like to have a statement from you, showing that you have in your possession the Master Dies and Hubs, which may be used for future operations.

Yours very truly,

H. T. P. Green

Manager.

Dic. by

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Will ship all dies ordered
for Salvador Nov 30th

F. J. REUTLINGER,

STEEL STAMPS,

57 North Seventh Street,

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Mr. C. E. Barber

San Salvador